

Thoughts on the Daily Word

30th Week of the Year. Saturday 2nd November. *All Souls. Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm: 22; Romans 5:5-11; Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30.*

The Church has seen loss and grief for many centuries, and Israel before that and since. Out of its ancient wisdom it gives us these days, just before the darkness and dangers of winter fold their wings around us. It prepares us for the joy and light of Christmas right at the darkest moment and turning point of the seasons. These two days of All Saints and All Souls are not separate but bound together to give us hope. They tell us that the relationships that we call community are not lost with even death. They prepare us, strengthen our hearts, ready for the tough times ahead. They take us out of ourselves for a moment to celebrate and rejoice in our loved ones who have gone before, who, in our Catholic faith, are with us in the Communion of Saints. They remind us that the journey goes on and that we are not alone.